

**Developmental Disabilities Council Minutes**  
**Courtyard Marriott, Federal Way**  
**July 20 & 21, 2006**

Present

George Walker (Chair), Bill Anderson, Leo Finnegan, Lori Flood, Vickie Foster, Larry Garman, Suzanne Gries, Mike Hatch, Shawn Latham, John Lemus, Sara McQueed, Alicia McRae, Adrian Patayon, Erin Platts, Michael Raymond, Laethan Wene, Sherrie Brown (UAP), Kristin Hennessey (for Lou Colwell, OSPI), Diana McMaster (MAA), Tabitha Harrison (DOH)

Absent

Leandro Razo, Greg Rodriguez, Diana Zottman, Janet Adams (DDD), Mark Stroh (P&A), David Kludt (MHD), Patty McDonald (ADS), Kelly Boston (DVR)

Guests

Bob Beckman (DDD)

Staff

Ed Holen, Clare Billings, Linda Walling, Brian Dahl, Donna Patrick

Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order and introductions were made.

The Council reviewed the draft 2007-2011 State Plan.

**Motion: To approve State Plan as written. Mike H. moved and Adrian seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Council's 2007 budget was reviewed. The Council requested a further discussion on the issue of CTED agency overhead/administrative costs. Governance Committee was asked to report to the Council on their discussion about options for CTED as the Council's designated state agency.

**Motion: Approve the 2007 Council budget as recommended. Sara moved and Mike R. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

## Minutes

**Motion: Council approve the March 2006 minutes as written. Mike R. moved and Laethan seconded. The motion carried unanimously with Bill and Kristin Hennessey abstaining.**

## Adjustments to the Agenda

There were none.

## Chair's Remarks

George commented that it is important for the Council to have a good understanding of the State Plan process.

## Executive Director Remarks

Ed reflected on his experience serving on the California Monitoring and Technical Assistance Review (MTAR) team for the national DD association. He stated that California has the sixth biggest economy in the world. The California DD Council has thirteen regional centers that all run independently of each other. They have a state law that gives everyone with a disability services, although that isn't what happens.

Ed shared that he learned a lot about how an MTAR visit is conducted. That will help the Council when its next MTAR is conducted.

Ed stated that the "GMAP" update would focus on staff activities. GMAP is how managers report outcomes and performance measures to the Governor. He reviewed the Council's priority areas; the general operations and administration and the DD Life Opportunities Trust (DDLOT) priority areas and the staff activities to support each area.

Ed distributed the Core Indicators Workgroup Recommendations Report. The report discusses the Council-convened workgroup of family members of children with developmental disabilities and community providers to review the results of the Children's Core Indicators Survey conducted in Washington State in 2005. The quality indicators of the survey are on information and planning; access to and delivery of services and supports; choice and control; community connections; and outcomes and satisfaction with services and supports. The workgroup developed systems change recommendations for presentation to the Council and the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

Clare distributed and discussed the Working Age Adult Policy Task Force Recommendations Report. The report is the result of a Council-convened task force to review the Division's Working Age Adult Policy.

The task force was made up of consumer and family members of the Council, two major employment provider associations, DD County Coordinators and a representative of the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

The task force process resulted in recommending changes to the policy language, implementation, and recommended benchmarks.

### New DDD Assessment

Bob Beckman, from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), presented the DDD Assessment Project. He shared that the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) recommended that the division develop an assessment process for clients that is consistently applied to all clients. DDD was also directed to conduct a study and make recommendations for the development of a standardized rate structure.

Currently, they are in phase three and hope to be in phase four by November 2007. At this time, phase five is unfunded but is estimated to be complete in December 2009. The assessment builds on care. He reviewed the assessment process and shared what has been done to date.

He then showed the various screens of the assessment tool. If anyone has any questions they can contact him or view the project website at [www1.dshs.wa.gov/ddd/cap.shtml](http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ddd/cap.shtml).

## Committee Reports

### Public Policy

Lori reported that the Committee discussed:

- ✓ Updates and interim legislation;
- ✓ Transportation options;
- ✓ Legislative reception; and
- ✓ The Council's legislative agenda (holding until the September meeting)

### Governance

Suzanne reported that the Committee discussed:

- ✓ Policy 406 (Council Member Attendance) sent to the Membership Committee;
- ✓ Designated state agency for the Council; and
- ✓ Stipends for Council members

## Membership

Vickie reported that the Committee discussed:

- ✓ Recruitment names of the individuals selected for Council membership sent to the Governor's Office for appointment. The Governor's Office asked that they begin recruitment earlier next year.

Vickie distributed meeting participation evaluation surveys and a summary of comments from development day in May.

The Committee is also asking that Council members talk about the Council in their communities. The goal would be to recruit new members.

## Agency Reports

### Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Kristin Hennessey, the State Special Education Ombudsman, reported for Lou. She introduced herself and shared her role as an ombudsman. Kristin stated that the federal regulations still are not out. The expectation is to have them out by the end of August.

### Department of Health (DOH)

Tabitha reported that DOH Genetic Services Section is hosting a one-day forum on Fragile X Syndrome on August 28<sup>th</sup> in Kent. The forum will review current clinical research, laboratory testing, care coordination and case reviews.

Chris Williams from DOH, Emergency Preparedness and Response represented the agency at the "Working Conference on Emergency Management and Individuals with Disabilities and the Elderly" in Washington DC on June 28-30.

A writing subcommittee of the Autism Task Force (ATF) has been developing the final draft report and recommendations required by the state legislature. They will be available for public input on the DOH website in early August. The full task force will meet to review public input on the document. The final report is due to the Governor by 12/01/06.

The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Program kicked off a year long collaboration with the Boston based Catalyst Center to develop financing strategies for care coordination within a medical home for children and youth with special needs.

### Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA)

Diana M. handed out the 2006 Medicaid Fact Sheet and a copy of the Citizenship Documentation and Identity Declaration. She shared that the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 included new requirements for documentation and verification of citizenship for Medicaid clients. She stated that beginning July 3<sup>rd</sup>, clients would need to complete a declaration that provides information about where documents that give proof of citizenship can be found. Washington State will bear the costs of obtaining the documents.

### University Affiliated Program (UAP)

Sherrie thanked Mark Harniss for filling in for her while she was in Cambodia. She stated that the UAP is collaborating with the DDC on the State Plan.